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Minutes of the Proceedings in Parliament, Friday Nov. 29.

REport of the Members to whom the advance made by Mr. James Anderson in the Work recommended to him by the Parliament, presented, and order'd to lye on the Table to be seen. Moved, That the observations made by the Council of Trade, in relation to the Export and Import of this Nation, and Ballance of our Trade, be laid before the Committee to whom the 6th Article of Union is remitted; and the same was accordingly order'd. As also the Clerks of the said Council of Trade were order'd to transmit to the said Committee all Observations, Papers, and Records, relating thereto. Then the Lord Chancellor acquainted the Parliament, that the secret Council, at their last meeting, had under their consideration several accounts of Irregular and Tumultuary Meetings by some People of the common and meanest degree in Arms, and of abuses committed by them at Glasgow, Kirkudbright, Dumfreis, and several Places of Lanerkshire, and that there were Papers dropt inviteing People to take up Arms, and to provide Ammunition and Provisions, in order to their marching to disturb the Parliament; all which he was directed by the secret Council to lay before the Parliament, to the effect proper Methods might be resolv'd upon for preventing the evil consequences of such Practises: And thereafter presented a Letter from the Magistrates of Dumfreis to her Majesty's Advocate, bearing an account of the Abuses and Tumultuary Meering in that Place, with a Declaration emitted by those who met, which was affixed on the Market-cross of Dumfreis, and both were Read. Whereupon a Draught of a Proclamation to be emitted by the Parliament, against all Tumultuary and Irregular Meetings and Convocations of the Leidges, was presented and read; and after some discourse thereupon, it being Objected, That there did not appear that there was a particular Information of any Tumultary Meetings or Irregular Convocations in any other part of the Shire of Lanerk than at Glasgow; her Majesty's high Commissioner was thereupon pleased to notify to the Parliament, that he had information, not only from Glasgow and Dumfreis, but also from several Places in Lanerkshire, of Tumultary and Irregular Meetings of Men under Arms, and of their giving out and publishing their design of marching to disturb the Parliament. Thereafter the Draught of the Proclamation was again read, and after reasoning thereupon, and some amendments, a Vote was stated approve of the Proclamation or not; and before Voteing it was agreed, that the Members shall be mark'd as they Vote, and that the List of their Names as they Vote pro or con shall be Printed and Recorded; and the Proclamation as amended being again read over, the Vote was put approve or not, and it carried approve. Thereafter the Draught of an Act suspending the effect of that Clause in the Act of Security for Arming and Exercising the sensible Men, past in the Second Session of this current Parliament, and that during this Session of Parliament allenarly, Read, and a first Reading order'd to be mark'd thereon. Then the Lord Chancellor by Order of her Majesty's high Commissioner adjourn'd the Parliament till to Morrow.

An Account of the Burning of the Articles of the Union at Dumfries.

These are to Notifie to all Concern'd, what are our Reasons for, and Designs in the Burning of the Printed Articles of the Proposed Union with England, with the Names of the Scots Commissioners, Subscribers thereof; together with the Minuts of the whole Treaty, betwixt them and the English Commissioners thereanent.

WE have herein no Design against Her Majesty, nor against England, or any Englishman; neither against our present Parliament, in their Acts or Actings, for the Interest, Safety and Sovereignity of this OUR NATIVE and ANCIENT NATION: But to Test the our Dissent from, Discontent with, and Protestation against the Twenty five Articles of the said Union, subscribed by the foresaid Commissioners; as being Inconsistent with, and altogether prejudicial to, and utterly Destructive of this NATION's Independency, Crown-Rights, and our Constitute Laws, both Sacred and Civil. We shall not here Condescend upon the particular Prejudices, that do, and will Redound to this Nation, if the said Union should be carried on, according to the Printed Articles: But refers the Reader to the Variety of Addresses, given in to the present Parliament, by all Ranks, from almost all Corners of this Nation, against the said Union: Only we must say, and profess, That the Commissioners for this Nation, have been either Simple, Ignorant, or Treacherous, if not all three; when the Minuts of the Treaty betwixt the Commissioners of both Kingdoms are duely Considered; and when we compare their Dastardly Yeildings unto the Demands and Proposals of the English Commissioners; who, on the contrair, have Valiantly acquit themselves for the Interest and Safety of their Nation.

We acknowledge it is in the Power of the present Parliament, to give Remissions to the Subscribers of the foresaid Articles; and we heartily wish for a good Agreement amongst all the Members of the Parliament, so as it may tend to the Safety and Preservation of both CHURCH and STATE, with all the Privileges belonging thereto, within the Kingdom of SCOTLAND.

But if the Subscribers of the foresaid Treaty and Union, with their Associats in Parliament, shall presume to carry on the said Union, by a Supream Power, over the Belly of the Generality of this Nation: Then and in that Case; as we Judge, that the Consent of the Generality of the same, can only Divest them of their Sacred and Civil Libertys, purchased and maintained by our ANCESTORS with their Blood: So we Protest, whatever Ratification of the foresaid Union may pass in Parliament, contrar to our Fundamental LAWS, LIBERTIES and PRIVILEGES, concerning Church and State, may not be binding upon the Nation, now nor at any time to come: And particularly we Protest against the Approbation of the first Article of the said Union, before the Privileges of this Nation, contain'd in the other Articles had been adjusted and Secured: And so we earnestly Require, that the Representatives in Parliament, who are for our Nation's Privileges, would give timeous warning to all the Corners of the Kingdom; That we and our Posterity become not Tributary and Bondslaves to our Neighbours, without acquiting our Selves, as becomes Men and Christians: And we are confident, that the Soldiers now in Martial Power, have so much of the Spirits of SCOTSMEN; that they are not Ambitious to be Disposed of, at the Pleasure of another Nation: And we hereby Declare, that we have no Design against them in this Matter.

This was publickly read from the Mercat-Cross of Dumfries, about one of the Clock in the Afternoon, the 20th Day of November 1706, with great Solemnity, in the Audience of many Thousands; The Fire being Surrounded by double Squadrons of Foot and Horse, in Martial Order: And after the Burning of the said Books, (who were holden up, Burning on the Point of a Pike, to the View of all the People, giving their Consent by Huzza's and Chearful Acclamations.) A Copy hereof was left affixed on the Cross, as the Testimony of the South part of this Nation against the proposed Union, as Moulded in the printed Articles thereof.

This we desire to be printed and kept in Record, *ad futuram rei memoriam.*

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A Proclamation against all Tumultuary and Irregular Meeting and Convocations of the Leidges.

ANNE by the Grace of GOD, Queen of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith: To our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren, Heraulds, Purſevants, Macers, and Meſſengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that Part, conjunctly and ſeverally, ſpecially Conſtitute, Greeting: Forasmuchas, albeit the raiſing of Tumults, and making Convocations within Burgh, and the riotous and diſorderly Aſſembling and continuing in Arms, thereby Inſulting the Magiſtrats, and hindring them in the Execution of their Office, and hindring of the common Law be contrair to ſundry Laws and Acts of Parliament, as well as Deſtructive of the Ends of Government, and particularly to Parl. 14. Chap. 77. Ja. 2. Ja. 4. Par. 3. Chap. 34. Ja. 6. Par. 18. Chap. 17. As alſo the riſing in Arms, Convocating our Leidges in the open Fields, and marching in formed Bodies armed through the Country, and entring into our Royal Burghs Boden in Feir of Weir, and entring into Bonds, Leagues, and Aſſociations, for proſecuting Illegal and Unwarrantable Ends, be, by ſeveral Laws and Acts of Parliament, declared to be open and manifeſt Treaſon, and the Committers, Abbetors and Aſſiſtants in ſuch Crimes and Practices, ought to be proſecuted, and may be Puniſhed as Traitors to Her Majeſty and Her Government; and particularly by Parl. 2. Ja. 1ſt. Chap. 37. Ja. 2. Parl. 6. Chap. 14. Ja 6. Parl. 12. Chap. 144. Cha. 2. Parl. 1ſt. Seſſion 1ſt. Chap. 3. Yet nevertheleſs We and Our Eſtates of Parliment are certainly informed, that in ſeveral Corners of the Realm, and particularly in our Burgh of Glaſgow, and other Places within the Sheriffdom of Lanerk, and in our Burgh of Dumfries, and other Places adjacent, People have preſumed, in manifeſt Contempt of the foreſaid Laws, to Aſſemble themſelves in open Defyance of our Government, and with manifeſt Deſign to overturn the ſame, by Inſulting the Magiſtrats, Attacking and Aſſaulting the Houſes of our peaceable Subjects, continuing openly in Arms, and marching in formed Bodies through the Country, and into our Burghs, and inſolently burning in the Face of the Sun, and Preſence of the Magiſtrats, the Articles of Treaty betwixt our two Kingdoms, entred into by the Authority of Parliament, and even after the ſaid Articles had been preſented to us, and were under the Conſideration of us and our Eſtates preſently ſitting in Parliament, and ſome Progreſs made thereupon; and ſuch Crimes and Inſolencies being noways to be Tolerated in any well Govern'd Nation; but on the contrary, ought to be condignly puniſhed conform to the Laws abovementioned, and other Acts of Parliament made thereanent, eſpecially if perſiſted and continued in after our Diſpleaſure therewith ſhall be made known: Therefore, we with Advice and Conſent of the Eſtates of Parliament, peremptorily Require and Command all, and every Perſon who have Aſſembled themſelves in manner above-mentioned, to lay down their ſaid Arms, and diſperſe themſelves, and peaceably and quietly to Retire, and betake themſelves to their ſeveral Habitations and Employments; and we with Advice foreſaid, Prohibite and Diſcharge any Aſſembling or Convocating in Arms in manner foreſaid, under the Pains contained in the Acts of Parliament above-mentioned, Certifying all that ſhall be guilty Actors, Abbetors, or Aſſiſtants in Convocating or Aſſembling in Arms, or theſe who ſhall Convocat and commit theſe Practices abovemention'd, ſhall be treated and purſued as open Traitors, and the Pains of Treaſon execute upon them accordingly; and in Caſe any of our People ſhall dare to be ſo preſumptuous, after Publication of the Premiſſes, to Aſſemble or continue in Arms; We hereby Require and Command the Sheriffs of our ſeveral Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, Baillies of Regalities and Barronies, Magiſtrats of Burghs, and other Officiars of our Law, Officers of our Forces, and Troops under their Command, to paſs upon, diſperſe and ſubdue the ſaid Convocations by open Force, and all manner of Violence, as Enemies and open Rebels to us and our Government; and in Caſe any Slaughter, Blood, Bruiſes, or Mutilation ſhall happen to be done, and committed by our ſaid Sheriffs, and Officers of our Forces, and other Magiſtrats foreſaid, or Perſons under their Command; We with Advice foreſaid, do hereby fully Remit, Pardon and Indemnifie the ſame, and diſcharge the Proſecution thereof Civilly or Criminally in all time coming. Our Will is herefore, and we charge you, that ye paſs to the Mercat-Croſs of Edinburgh, and Mercat-Croſſes of Dumfries, Lanerk and Glaſgow, and other Places needful, and there make Publication hereof, by open Proclamation of the Premiſſes, that none pretend Ignorance. And Ordains theſe Preſents to be printed, and our Sollicitors to ſend Copies hereof to the Magiſtrats of their reſpective Burghs above-menrioned for that Effect. Extracted furth of the Records of Parliament, by *Ja. MURRAY, Cls. Reg.*

GOD ſave the QUEEN.

Minutes of the Proceedings in Parliament, Saturday Nov. 30. Addreſs of the Magiſtrates and Town Council of the Burgh of Ayre, for ſuch Rectifications of the Articles of Union, and ſuch Eaſes of Duties and Publick Taxes, as are moſt agreeable to the Circumſtances of this Nation, given in and read. Addreſs of Heritors and others Inhabitants of the Town and Paroch of Brunt-Iſland Subſcribers of the ſame, againſt an Union with England in the terms of the Articles, given in and read. Thereafter the Act ſuſpending the effect of a Clauſe as to Arming and Exerciſing the Country in the Act of Security paſt in the Second Seſſion of this current Parliament again Read; and after ſome reaſoning thereupon and ſome amendment, the Act as amended was again read: Then the Vote was put approve of the Act or not, and it carried approve; and was touch'd with the Scepter by her Majeſty's high Commiſſioner in the uſual manner, under the Title of Act againſt all Muſters and Rendevozes during the preſent Seſſion of Parliament. And the ſaid Act and the Proclamation, mention'd in the *Minutes* of the laſt Sederunt, were order'd to be forthwith Publiſh'd and Printed. Thereafter the Seventh Article of Union was again read, and after reaſoning upon that part thereof not formerly approven, it was put to the Vote, approve of the reſt of the ſaid Seventh Article or not, and it carried approve. A Print was then given in, Intituled, An Account of the Burning of the Articles of Union at Dumfreis, bearing the Declaration Read and Affixt at the Market-Croſs thereof by the Tumult aſſembled on that occaſion: And it being moved, That inquiry ſhall be made who has been the Printer and ingiver of the ſaid Scurrilous Paper, and that the Print be burnt by the hand of the Hangman, It was remitted to the Committee, to whom the Sixth Article of Union is remitted, to call for the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh and to take Tryal and make inquiry anent the Printer and ingiver of the ſaid Paper. Order'd alſo, That the ſaid Scurrilous Print be burnt by the hand of the common Hangman, at the Market-Croſs of Edinburgh, upon Monday next betwixt Eleven and Twelve of the Clock; and the Mageſtrates of Edinburgh appointed to ſee the order punctually executed. Then the Eighth Article of Union was read, and remitted to the Committee to whom the Sixth Article is remitted. Act for Adjourning the Seſſion of the Courts of Juſtice till the Firſt Day of January next read, and a Clauſe was offer'd to be ſubjoyn'd thereto in theſe Terms, And furder her Majeſty with advice and conſent foreſaid Statutes and Ordains, That the Seſſion which is appointed to riſe the laſt Day of February next, be continued to ſit for Adminiſtration of Juſtice to the Leidges, from the firſt Day to the laſt Day of March 1707 Years inclusive. Which being read, the conſideration of the ſaid Clauſe delay'd till the Act be again read, and a firſt reading was order'd to be mark'd on the Act.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Saturday, being the 7th of December, will be preſented a Comedy, call'd, The Recruiting Officer. The part of Sergeant Kite to be perform'd by Mr. Eſtcourt. With Select Entertainments of Singing in Engliſh and Italian by Mrs. Tofts. And Entertainments of Dancing by Monſieur Debargues, Miſs Santlow, Mrs. Evans, and others.

Never Acted there before.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.

By her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this preſent Saturday being the 7th of December, will be preſented a Comedy, call'd, The Tender Husband, or, The accompliſh'd Fools. The parts of Sir Harry Gubbin by Mr. Bullock, Humphry Gubbin by Mr. Cibber, Mr. Tipkin by Mr. Norris, Clerimont Senior by Mr. Mills, Captain Clerimont by Mr. Wilks, Mr. Pounce by Mr. Pack, Mrs. Clerimont by Mrs. Bradſhaw, Aunt by Mrs. Lee, Biddy by Mrs. Oldfield, Fainlove by Mrs. Porter.

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